

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2333, Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3015–3028. **Page S6992**

Measures Reported:

S. 881, to improve understanding and forecasting of space weather events. (S. Rept. No. 116–171)

S. 919, to reduce regulatory burdens and streamline processes related to commercial space activities. (S. Rept. No. 116–172)

S. 2909, to extend the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to enter into leases of non-excess property of the Administration. **Page S6991**

Measures Passed:

Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act: By a unanimous vote of 95 yeas (Vote No. 390), Senate passed H.R. 2333, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of the responsibilities, workload, and vacancy rates of Department of Veterans Affairs suicide prevention coordinators. **Page S6967**

Appointments:

United States Commission on Civil Rights: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 98–183, as amended by Public Law 103–419, appointed the following individual to the United States Commission on Civil Rights: Gail Heriot of California. **Page S6995**

Sullivan Nomination: By 69 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. EX. 392), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Department of State. **Page S6986**

Hahn Nomination: By 74 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. EX. 393), Senate agreed to the motion to close

further debate on the nomination of Stephen Hahn, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

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Skipwith Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 394), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6987**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, December 12, 2019. **Page S6995**

Nomination Votes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on Thursday, December 12, 2019, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Department of State, Stephen Hahn, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, and Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior. **Page S6957**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 391), Lawrence VanDyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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Messages from the House: **Page S6989**

Measures Referred: **Page S6989**

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—394)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6995.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. STRATEGY IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine an update on the situation and United States strategy in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from General Austin S. Miller, USA, Commander, NATO Resolute Support mission and United States Forces-Afghanistan, and Randall G. Schriver, Assistant Secretary for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 137 nominations in the Army and Air Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2204, to allow the Federal Communications Commission to carry out a pilot program under which voice service providers could block certain automated calls, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2381, to require review by the Government Accountability Office of screening protocols of the Transportation Security Administration relating to breast milk and formula; with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2638, to amend title 49, United State Code, to require small hub airports to construct areas for nursing mothers;

S. 2661, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to designate 9–8–8 as the universal telephone number for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and through the Veterans Crisis Line, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2786, to establish a Federal advisory committee to provide policy recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation on positioning the United States to take advantage of emerging opportunities for Arctic maritime transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2802, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reauthorize and modify the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response Grant Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2881, to require the Federal Communications Commission to make not less than 280 megahertz of spectrum available for terrestrial use, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2898, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a full annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers;

S. 2909, to extend the authority of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to enter into leases of non-excess property of the Administration;

S. 2964, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to issue non-premium aviation insurance;

S. 2979, to improve drug testing for transportation-related activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2981, to reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, with an amendment; and

S. 2730, to establish and ensure an inclusive transparent Drone Advisory Committee, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas B. Chapman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2641, to promote United States national security and prevent the resurgence of ISIS, with an amendment;

S. 2547, to state the policy of the United States with respect to the expansion of cooperation with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region and Europe regarding the People's Republic of China, with an amendment;

H.R. 2744, to authorize the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to prescribe the manner in which programs of the agency are identified overseas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2977, to extend the termination of sanctions with respect to Venezuela under the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014;

S. 1310, to strengthen participation of elected national legislators in the activities of the Organization of American States and reaffirm United States support for Organization of American States human rights and anti-corruption initiatives, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 133, to promote economic partnership and cooperation between the United States and Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1830, to enhance the security of the United States and its allies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 704, to prioritize the efforts of and enhance coordination among United States agencies to encourage countries in Central and Eastern Europe to diversify their energy sources and supply routes, increase Europe's energy security, and help the United States reach its global energy security goals, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1189, to require the Secretary of State to determine whether the Russian Federation should be designated as a state sponsor of terrorism and whether Russian-sponsored armed entities in Ukraine should be designated as foreign terrorist organizations, with an amendment;

S.J. Res. 4, requiring the advice and consent of the Senate or an Act of Congress to suspend, terminate, or withdraw the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty and authorizing related litigation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 142, condemning the Government of the Philippines for its continued detention of Senator Leila De Lima, calling for her immediate release, with amendments;

S. Res. 152, expressing the importance of the United States alliance with the Republic of Korea and the contributions of Korean Americans in the United States, with amendments;

S. Res. 260, recognizing the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting the commitment of the United States Agency for International Development to global nutrition through the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy, with amendments;

S. Res. 297, commending the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) on the occasion of its 50th anniversary for its significant accomplishments and contributions to the economic and social development of the Americas;

S. Res. 343, congratulating the people of the Czech Republic and the people of the Slovak Republic on the 30th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution, the 26th anniversary of the formation of the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, and the 101st anniversary of the declaration of independence of Czechoslovakia;

S. Res. 371, reaffirming the support of the United States for the people of the Republic of South Sudan and calling on all parties to uphold their commitments to peace and dialogue as outlined in the 2018 revitalized peace agreement, with amendments;

S. Res. 375, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, with an amendment;

S. Res. 385, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, the reunification of both Germany and Europe, and the spread of democracy around the world, with an amendment;

S. Res. 395, recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Iran Hostage Crisis;

S. Res. 447, expressing serious concern about widespread irregularities in Bolivia's October 20, 2019, general elections and supporting the convening of new elections in Bolivia at the earliest possible date, with amendments;

S. Con. Res. 23, honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge fought during World War II, recognizing the valiant efforts of the Allied Forces in December 1944, and remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice, all of which contributed to the Allied victory in the European Theater, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Sung Y. Kim, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, and Stephen E. Biegun, of Michigan, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.1853, to require Federal law enforcement agencies to report on cases of missing or murdered Indians, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S.2365, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize urban Indian organizations to enter into arrangements for the sharing of medical services and facilities.

NOMINATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael D. Weahkee, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

DOJ IG FISA REPORT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Justice Inspector General's report on alleged abuses of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, Department of Justice.

NOMINATION

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Rubio, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 5389–5405; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 80; and H. Res. 760–761 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The Trump-Ukraine Impeachment Inquiry Report (H. Rept. 116–335);

H.R. 4242, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require issuers to disclose information on pay raises made to executives and non-executive employees, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–336); and

H.R. 4320, to ensure that irresponsible corporate executives, rather than shareholders, pay fines and penalties, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–337).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Tribal Coastal Resiliency Act—Motion to Reconsider: The House agreed to the Representative McCollum motion to table the Representative Himes motion to reconsider the vote on passage of H.R. 729, to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to Indian Tribes to further achievement of Tribal coastal zone objectives, by a

yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 670. Consideration began yesterday, December 10th.

Pages H10043–44

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 1790) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a yea-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 672.

Pages H10082–93

H. Res. 758, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3) and (H.R. 5038) and the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 1790) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 669, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 668. Subsequently, Representative McGovern moved to reconsider the vote on agreeing to H. Res. 729 and Representative Nadler moved to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 196 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 671.

Pages H10033–44

Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2019: The House passed H.R. 5038, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for terms and conditions for nonimmigrant workers performing agricultural labor or services, by a recorded vote of 260 yeas to 165 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 674. Subsequently, Representative Lofgren moved to

reconsider the vote on passage of the bill and Representative McGovern moved to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 675.

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Rejected the Biggs motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 193 yeas to 230 noes, Roll No. 673.

Pages H10093–94

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–42, modified by the amendment printed in part C of H. Rept. 116–334, shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill.

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Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act: The House considered H.R. 3, to establish a fair price negotiation program, protect the Medicare program from excessive price increases, and establish an out-of-pocket maximum for Medicare part D enrollees. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, December 12th.

Pages H10096–H10117

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–41, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–334, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendments in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committees on Education and Labor, Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means now printed in the bill.

Pages H10033–34

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table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 196 yeas to 170 nays, Roll No. 671.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, December 12th.

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Senate Referral: S. 2740 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H10033.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H10042, H10042–43, H10043–44, H10044, H10092, H10094, H10095, and H10095–96. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Chairman McGovern, and Representatives Malinowski, Van Drew, Spanberger, Fitzpatrick, Case, Delgado, Cline, Norton, Finkenauer, Torres Small of New Mexico, Vela, and Westerman.

REVIEW OF CREDIT CONDITIONS: REPORT FROM AGRICULTURAL LENDERS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit held a hearing entitled “Review of Credit Conditions: Report from Agricultural Lenders”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY IN SYRIA AND THE BROADER REGION

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy in Syria and the Broader Region”. Testimony was heard from Mark Esper, Secretary, Department of Defense; and General Mark Milley, U.S. Army, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE ERA OF STRATEGIC COMPETITION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Climate Change in the Era of Strategic Competition”. Testimony was heard from Maria Langan-Riekhof, Director, Strategic Futures Group, National Intelligence Council, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and the following

Department of Defense officials: Neill Tipton, Director for Defense Intelligence (Collection and Special Programs), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; Victorino Mercado, (Acting) Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans and Capabilities; and Milan Nikolich, Director, Defense Research and Engineering for Research and Technology, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee concluded a markup on H.R. 1731, the “Cybersecurity Disclosure Act of 2019”; H.R. 4545, the “Private Loan Disability Discharge Act of 2019”; H.R. 5287, the “Fair Student Loan Debt Collection Practices Act”; H.R. 5294, the “Student Borrowers Protections Act”; H.R. 5332, the “Protecting Your Credit Score Act of 2019”; H.R. 5330, the “Consumer Protections for Medical Debt Collections Act”; H.R. 5322, the “Ensuring Diversity in Community Banking Act of 2019”; H.R. 5315, the “Expanding Opportunities for Minority Depository Institutions (MDIs) Act”; a resolution electing majority members to the Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets; a resolution establishing the Task Force on Artificial Intelligence; and a resolution establishing the Task Force on Financial Technology. H.R. 5332, H.R. 5315, H.R. 4545, H.R. 5294, H.R. 5287, H.R. 1731, H.R. 5330, and H.R. 5322 were ordered reported, as amended. Resolutions electing members to Subcommittees and establishing Task Forces were agreed to.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee began markup on H. Res. 755, the “Articles of Impeachment Against President Donald J. Trump”.

RIGHTING THE SHIP: THE COAST GUARD MUST IMPROVE ITS PROCESSES FOR ADDRESSING HARASSMENT, BULLYING, AND RETALIATION

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; and Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security of the House Committee on Homeland Security held a joint hearing entitled “Righting the Ship: The Coast Guard Must Improve its Processes for Addressing Harassment, Bullying, and Retaliation”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Michael F. McAllister, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, U.S. Coast Guard; Lieutenant Commander Kimberly Young-McLear, Permanent Commissioned Teaching Staff, U.S. Coast Guard Academy; and Jackson Eaton, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Spe-

cial Reviews and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

FITARA 9.0

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “FITARA 9.0”. Testimony was heard from Carol Harris, Director, IT Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Elizabeth Cappello, Acting Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Renee P. Wynn, Chief Information Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

SOLVING AN EPIDEMIC: ADDRESSING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AROUND MAJOR EVENTS LIKE THE SUPER BOWL AND THE NEED FOR CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL SOLUTIONS

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a hearing entitled “Solving an Epidemic: Addressing Human Trafficking Around Major Events like the Super Bowl and the Need for Cross-Jurisdictional Solutions” [Original Jurisdiction Hearing]. Testimony was heard from Katherine Fernandez Rundle, State Attorney, Miami-Dade County, Florida; and public witnesses.

THE BOEING 737 MAX: EXAMINING THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION’S OVERSIGHT OF THE AIRCRAFT’S CERTIFICATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Boeing 737 MAX: Examining the Federal Aviation Administration’s Oversight of the Aircraft’s Certification”. Testimony was heard from Stephen Dickson, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5306, the “Know Your Social Security Act”; and H.R. 5377, the “Restoring Tax Fairness for States and Localities Act”. H.R. 5306 and H.R. 5377 were ordered reported, as amended.

CREATING A CLIMATE RESILIENT AMERICA: SMART FINANCE FOR STRONG COMMUNITIES

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Creating a Climate Resilient America: Smart Finance for Strong Communities”. Testimony was heard from Mark Gaffigan, Managing Director for Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ALBANIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on Albania's leadership in Europe from Ditmir Bushati, Elona Hoxha Gjebrea, and Rudina Hajdari, each a member of Albanian Parliament, all of the Albanian Delegation to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly, Tirana, Albania.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing on national security issues in the Middle East, 10 a.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Security, to hold hearings to examine expanding opportunities, challenges, and threats in the Arctic, focusing on the Coast Guard Arctic Strategic Outlook, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 225, to provide for partnerships among State and local governments, regional entities, and the private sector to preserve, conserve, and enhance the visitor experience at nationally significant battlefields of the American Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War, S. 242, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to release reversionary and reserved interests in certain land in the Coconino National Forest in the State of Arizona, S. 258, to prohibit oil and gas leasing on the National Forest System land in the Ruby Mountains Ranger District located in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Elko and White Pine Counties, Nevada, S. 298, to establish the Springfield Race Riot National Historic Monument in the State of Illinois, S. 327, to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for a lifetime National Recreational Pass for any veteran with a service-connected disability, S. 389, to authorize the Society of the First Infantry Division to make modifications to the First Division Monument located on Federal land in Presidential Park in the District of Columbia, S. 430, to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, S. 434, to provide for a report on the maintenance of Federal land holdings under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, S. 490, to designate a mountain ridge in the State of Montana as "B-47 Ridge", S. 499, to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to apply to territories of the United States, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, to provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation, S. 526, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development, S. 641, to update the map of, and modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in, the Yucca House National

Monument, S. 774, to adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor, S. 1152, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain parcels of Federal land in Arlington, Virginia, S. 1262, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, S. 1890, to provide for grants for energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy improvements at public school facilities, S. 2108, to amend section 6903 of title 31, United States Code, to provide for additional population tiers, S. 2393, to promote a 21st century energy workforce, S. 2399, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve State loan eligibility for projects for innovative technology, S. 2660, to establish a grant program for wind energy research, development, and demonstration, S. 2666, to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, and H.R. 617, to authorize the Department of Energy to conduct collaborative research with the Department of Veterans Affairs in order to improve healthcare services for veterans in the United States, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 2971, to amend and reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, S. 2683, to establish a task force to assist States in implementing hiring requirements for child care staff members to improve child safety, S. 2927, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide that the authority of the Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities to make certain research endowments applies with respect to both current and former centers of excellence, an original bill entitled, "Title VII Reauthorization", and the nomination of Crosby Kemper III, of Missouri, to be Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of J. Brett Blanton, of Virginia, to be Architect of the Capitol, 10 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Education and Labor, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Examining the Education Department's Implementation of Borrower Defense", 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Member Day Hearing", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, continue markup on H. Res. 755, the "Articles of Impeachment Against President Donald J. Trump", 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, December 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11:45 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Aurelia Skipwith, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Department of State.

Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Stephen Hahn, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, at 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, December 12

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Continue consideration of H.R. 3—Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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